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TITLE: Beta-titanium alloy, method for the production of a hot-rolled product from an alloy of this type, and uses thereof

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed from the U. S. Patent Office on May 21, 2009, for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on August 21, 2009. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time until November 21, 2009 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the three-month extension fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081. In the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response, in which:

- **Remarks** begin on page 2; and
- **Appendix A** begins on page 7.